



LET YOUR

GOOD
spirit

LEAD ME ON LEVEL GROUND!

PSALM 143:10, ESV

**United Church of Christ
Norwich, New York**



**THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
FIRST CONGREGATIONAL
Norwich, New York 13815**



An Open and Affirming Church

June 9, 2024

10:00 a.m.

Third Sunday after Pentecost

PREPARING TO WORSHIP GOD

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE *Aria Cantabile*

By Samuel Wesley
Edited by Charles Callahan

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: We come together, O Lord, to seek a great vision.

ALL: **O God, we seek your call in our time.**

ONE: O Holy Spirit, give us eyes to see, ears to hear, and hands to serve.

ALL: **We seek your direction this day and always. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

As we come into your presence, O God, make us more fully aware of your faithfulness in our lives and in the life of your world. Enable us to find faith enough, O Spirit, to respond to your grace, becoming more faithful servants, growing in strength even in the midst of the challenges of this day. And give us a renewed vision to serve you and humanity with excitement and endurance, through Jesus the Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

*Please stand in body or in spirit.

Large Print Bulletins are available from the ushers.

***OPENING HYMN** *Come, Teach Us, Spirit of Our God* Insert

TIME OF SHARING

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Ericka Tyler

BLESSING OF PEACE

PASTOR: May the Peace of Jesus Christ be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

Please greet one another in a manner most comfortable to you: hug, wave, fist bump, handshake. Children in grades 3-8 are invited upstairs for Sunday school at this time.

SUNG RESPONSE *Bind Us Together*

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INVITATION TO GENEROSITY (UNISON)

Throughout history, O God, you have showered humanity with your generosity. As we continue to receive your wondrous gifts, grant us the wisdom to use them for the good of the world. Bless these gifts, we pray, that they may be used to share your love and generosity with all of your creation. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Offering plates are located at both doors or give online at www.uccnorwichny.org/give

ANTHEM

Spirit of Comfort, Spirit of Hope Words by Douglas Nolan
Music by David Angerman and Douglas Nolan

SERMON *Always Respect the Holy Spirit*

Rev. James K. Boodley

Scripture

Mark 3:28-29

Pew Bible NT p. 38

Matthew 12:31-32

Pew Bible NT p. 13

INTERLUDE *Our Father, By Whose Name*

by John David Edwards

SHARING OF JOYS/CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

COMMISSION AND BLESSING

***CLOSING HYMN** *Every Time I Feel the Spirit*

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Great God of Might and Glory*

by David Paxton

PARTICIPANTS TODAY

Ministers: All the People

Pastor: Rev. James K. Boodley

Director of Music Ministries: Mary Williams

Organist: David Burch

Director of Children and Youth Ministries: Ericka Tyler

Livestream Staff: Chris McSweeney, Jessica Strough, Liam Hunter

Sunday Sexton: Mya Yantz

Nursery: Fiora Breese

Coffee Hour: Pat Burke

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Tuesday-Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

(closed 12- 1p.m.)

Friday 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

NURSERY is available for children up to age 5 starting at 9:00 a.m. Located up the stairs at the front of the church.

SUNDAY SCHOOL for children in grades 3 - 8 takes place during the service, after the Children's Moment. June 16 will be the last day for Sunday School until September.

NEXT WEEK IS PRIDE SUNDAY. If you would like to participate as a reader, musician, etc., please send J.K. an email **TODAY** to let him know you're interested (boods@bluefrog.com). He's never seen Pride Sunday here, so he's open to almost anything you'd like to do.

SPECIAL MUSIC AT COFFEE HOUR - Next Sunday, students who have received Music Lessons Scholarships will be sharing their talents during coffee hour in the Founders Room. We hope you can be there!

CALL TO THE JUNE ANNUAL MEETING - Sunday, June 23, immediately after the worship service in the Nave. All members are encouraged to attend. We will be voting on the 2024-25 Board Members and Officers. Annual Reports were sent out on Friday.

OPEN POSITION: THE CHURCH TREASURER position will be open as of July 1. Anyone with an interest or experience in accounting is encouraged to apply. Please send a letter of interest to the church office at 11 West Main Street or email office@uccnorwichny.org.

CALENDAR

The Chenango Muslim Community meets upstairs daily at 9:30 p.m. & Fridays at 1:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, JUNE 9

- 9:00 a.m. Nursery, upstairs
- 10:00 a.m. Worship, Nave, Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour, Founders' Room
- 12:30 p.m. Youth Group, upstairs

MONDAY, JUNE 10

- 3:00 p.m. Tai Chi, Founders Room

TUESDAY, JUNE 11

- 1:00 p.m. Piecemakers, Kitchen
- 4:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen at St. Bart's Parish Center, E. Main Street
- 5:00 p.m. Pride Alliance Board Meeting, Founders Room/Zoom

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12

- 10:00 a.m. Prayer Circle, Zoom
- 11:00 a.m. Soul Kitchen Free Lunch at Emmanuel Episcopal Church, West Main St.
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal, Nave

THURSDAY, JUNE 13

- 1:00 p.m. Piecemakers monthly meeting, Founders Room/Kitchen

SUNDAY, JUNE 16 - *Father's Day*

- 9:00 a.m. Nursery, upstairs
- 10:00 a.m. Pride Sunday - Worship, Nave, Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour with special music, Founders' Room
- 12:30 p.m. Youth Group, upstairs